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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : BENZ et al.
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For : **METHOD FOR JOINING AN ELECTRODE TO A
PRECIOUS-METAL SECTION**

Examiner : Anthony T. Perry
Art Unit : 2879

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group I - claims 1-13
- Group II - claims 14 and 15

Accordingly, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-13.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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